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NOKESVILLE POST-MASTER NAMED

D. E. Earhart Retires from the Board of Supervisors to Accept Position.

On Friday last, D. E. Earhart, business man of Brentsville district and for many years chairman and member of the Board of Supervisors of Prince William County, accepted appointment as postmaster for the office at Nokesville for a four-year term.

Mr. Earhart, who is chairman of the Democratic Committee in Prince William County, has long been identified with the business and farming interests of the county. He has been a staunch advocate of a low tax doctrine in his public affairs and has progressed in his own business by the practice of industry and thrift.

As an individual he is a fearless voter and has been consistent in his policies.

It is needless to say that in his many years of service he has become very much of an idol in Brentsville district and his retirement has been a source of regret to friends who have kept him in office so long.

MRS. CHARLES COMPTON ENTERTAINS THE U. D. C.

The Manassas Chapter, U. D. C., met Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 6, with Mrs. Charles Compton. Mrs. Lonas, president of the chapter, presided.

Quite a lot of business was on hand, the most important of which was information about the Manassas Battlefield, brought to the attention of the chapter by Mr. W. F. Cocks. Mr. Cocks told of a plan backed by Senator Byrd and Congressman Howard Smith, Mr. C. A. Sinclair and Mr. Rust, and Mr. Wilbur Hall of Leesburg, chairman of the new Conservation committee, for the battlefield to be taken over by the State, to be marked, preserved and made available to the general public as a monument to Stonewall Jackson. The chapter decided to endorse the resolution offered to that effect, and thanked Mr. Cocks for presenting it.

The following books have been purchased by the chapter in 1933 and 1934, and placed in the high school library: Seventeen volumes of Southern Literature, Statesmen of the Old South, Southern Prose and Poetry, Light Horse Harry Lee's Biography by Capt. Thomson, Ham. Chamberlin, So Red the Rose, Miss Delaney Allen.

Two names were presented for membership. One charter member, Miss Lou Moxley, was ninety-four years old today. The chapter sent greetings to her. Miss Elizabeth Davies, president of the Children of the Confederacy Chapter, read an excellent paper on Maury, in the historical hour, after which Dixie was sung, Mrs. Newman, historian, at the piano.

The social hour was much enjoyed and a delicious salad course was served by our hospitable hostess.

ROOM PROJECTS WILL BE DISCUSSED

Nokesville women will study the Selection and Arrangement of Furniture at the regular meeting of the Nokesville Home Demonstration group which will be held on Wednesday, February 13. This is the second of the series of studies that are being made on the Living-Dining-Room project in which Mrs. E. E. Hale and Mrs. Ernest Spitzer are serving as leaders.

The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. E. E. Hale beginning at 1:30 o'clock. All women interested in the work under consideration are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

WOULD SAVE CHURCH

Members of the Presbytery in northern Virginia will be interested to know that the Western Presbyterian Church in Georgetown is in the last ditch to save it from being sold over their heads if they cannot raise a considerable portion of the bonded indebtedness which amounts to \$50,000. Contributions for this worthy cause should be sent to Miss Minnie Furr, 1109 24th Street, Washington, not later than February 12.

MARRIAGE RECORD

Feb. 6: Alphonso Jackson, of Washington, and Marion C. Russell, of Catlett.

SOLICIT FUNDS FROM FAIRFAX BOARD

A delegation composed of Town Manager Cocks, Councilmen E. R. Conner and E. G. Parrish, and Dan Hollenga, secretary Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the Fairfax Board of Supervisors yesterday relative to securing aid for the Dairy Festival this year.

Mr. Hollenga made his usual flowery address to the Board and the others present also made brief addresses. Mr. Conner particularly stressed the value of the cattle shipped from the north Virginia area and cited C. T. Rice, cattleman, at Oakton, as his authority for the statistics he gave. The Fairfax Board evinced considerable interest and asked Mr. Conner several questions.

Mr. Ellmore, member of the Board, is one of the vice-presidents of the Dairy Festival Association, and it is thought that he will use his influence to give the project some assistance from Fairfax County.

NORTHERN VA. LEAGUE FORMED

Five Teams Represented at Meeting in Manassas Monday.

At a meeting held at the Town Hall in Manassas on Monday, there were representatives from Manassas, Falls Church, Oakton, Aldie and McLean assembling to organize a Northern Virginia Basketball League.

There was a preliminary meeting at Falls Church the preceding Friday but last Monday final arrangements were made as to the schedule, referees, etc. The idea of the league was initiated by Mr. R. C. L. Moncure, of Falls Church, an ardent supporter of basketball in that town.

The officers of the league were elected as follows: President, R. G. L. Moncure, Falls Church; vice-president, J. J. Davies, Manassas; secretary, C. A. Clarke, McLean.

The first league game of Manassas was with Falls Church here last night, and an account of it is given in another column of this issue. Manassas' schedule for the league is as follows: Monday, Feb. 11, Oakton (there); Thursday, Feb. 14, McLean (there); Saturday, Feb. 16, Oakton (here); Wednesday, Feb. 20, Aldie (here); Thursday, Feb. 21, Falls Church (there); Monday, Feb. 25, McLean (here); Wednesday, Feb. 27, Aldie (there). All these games will be featured by doubleheaders, the Manassas girls having organized for the purpose.

Games not in the league are also listed as follows: Saturday, Feb. 9, Marvin Methodist (here); Sunday, the 10th, Hyattsville "Comp. F" (there); Friday, the 22nd, Gallaudet (there). Games with Warrenton and Hyattsville and probably Rockville A. C. are being scheduled to be played here.

It is hoped that the new league will create more interest among the people of the town and will attract better crowds.

KIWANIS CLUB SPONSORS CHILD BENEFIT

The ladies of the Episcopal Church were hostesses to the Kiwanis Club Friday evening when the regular meeting of the club adjourned to the Parish Hall. Accompanied by their ladies, the gentlemen enjoyed a turkey dinner to the fullest. After the dinner, Hunton called on Bob Hutchinson to say a few words of appreciation which Bob did very efficiently.

It was a pleasure to see O. D. back in harness and this gentleman made a very delightful speech. Walter Covington was also with us again but Win Althey was still on the sick list much to the regret of all his friends.

Bill Lloyd made another section of his 1934 report of club activities which he has accumulated with great and arduous labor and is still optimistic about getting it all in before the year is over.

Attention was also called to the Kiwanis benefit on Wednesday of next week at which time the underprivileged child committee hopes to have a prosperous evening.

The subject will be "Mark Twain," and the speaker who knew Mark Twain very intimately should be able to give a good talk. The price of admission will be very low.

REGIONAL FERA OFFICE AT MANASSAS

Unconstitutional Delegation of Legislative Functions by Congress in Work-Relief Bill

SPEECH OF HON. HOWARD W. SMITH of Virginia

in the House of Representatives January 23, 1935

Mr. Smith of Virginia. Mr. Chairman, it was with grave reluctance that I felt impelled to oppose in the Rules Committee the granting of the "gag rule" for the passage of this bill, appropriating as it does in a lump sum, \$4,000,000,000, without any specific provisions as to how any part of it is to be expended and with only the most vague specification of the general policy for which it is intended.

It is with equal reluctance that I must oppose the bill coming to us as it does with administration approval. I have heretofore consistently supported the measures proposed by this administration and I would support this measure if I did not feel that under my oath to support the Constitution of the United States that there are certain legislative functions which the Congress itself must perform, and in the performance of which it cannot abdicate in favor of the President of the United States or anyone else.

I take this position reluctantly, because I have every confidence in the President. I know that this Republic has rarely been blessed with an Executive so earnest and so sincere in his purposes and in his efforts to relieve the suffering, heal the hardships, and adjust the wrongs of the great masses of our people. But, after all, this is still a Republic. We are living under the Constitution that has happily survived up to this moment economic storms, foreign invasions, and civil strife. If it is to continue to survive, it must have the respect and support of the elected Representatives of the people, who are sworn to uphold its provisions.

The provisions of this bill are a clear and complete abdication by the Congress of the United States of its functions and a delegation by the Congress to the President, or whomsoever he may select, of the legislative duties imposed upon this body.

Let us briefly analyze this bill. The first section appropriates a lump sum of four thousand millions of dollars. Under the law we are required to appropriate money for specific purposes. But the only information that the House is given by this bill of the purpose for which this huge sum is to be expended is of the most general nature.

These terms are so broad and general as to make them meaningless. They may mean the expenditure of public funds on almost any conceivable project that the ingenious minds entrusted with the ultimate expenditure of the funds might devise.

No limitations or specification upon the kinds of work or the class of projects is provided. No allocations or limitations of any character are imposed upon any part of the fund, even in general terms. The legislative body utterly fails in this provision to prescribe even a general policy of what, if anything, the legislative mind had in view when the legislation was passed.

The fourth section of the act authorizes the Executive not only to coordinate and consolidate any and all Government agencies but authorizes him by Executive order to continue the life of any existing governmental agency even though its life may be definitely limited by a previous act of Congress, and confers the further power to delegate to him by the Congress under the provisions of this act.

The fifth section authorizes the President "to guarantee loans to, or payments of, needy individuals." To make grants and loans and to acquire by the power of eminent domain real and personal property of unlimited kind and character, for unlimited purposes, and to improve, develop, maintain, grant, sell, or lease the same.

The sixth section authorizes the President to prescribe rules and regulations, having the force and effect of criminal laws, the purport and extent of which we are unable to hazard a guess and by virtue of which a citizen may be fined as much as \$5,000 and imprisoned for not exceeding 2 years, or both.

After diligent inquiry from authoritative sources I have been unable to obtain any information as to why the great necessity for the immediate passage of the whole of this enormous appropriation before any plans or policies are formulated for the expenditure of the same. This Congress will doubtless be in session for the next 5 months. Surely in that time the Congress could be informed of the plan and the purpose and the policy for the expenditure of these sums, so that we might legislate intelligently and with a due sense of the deep responsibility owed to our constituents, who must ultimately pay the debt. I am not concerned with any particular projects or any particular class of work relief, and I am sure that I could subscribe to the President's plan when it is formulated, but I am impressed with the profound conviction that I

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LEE-JACKSON AND LANIER PROGRAM

The postponed exercises of the Lee-Jackson anniversary celebration were held in the high school auditorium Feb. 4, Miss Mary Patten presiding.

This date was the anniversary of the birth of Sidney Lanier, famous Southern poet. The invocation was given by the Rev. T. D. D. Clark, who referred to Lee as "Soldier of Christ" and "Soldier of the Commonwealth."

Mrs. Lonas, president of the Manassas Chapter, U. D. C., in an introductory speech, expressed her thanks, and those of the chapter, to the pupils who took part, and those in attendance, for their co-operation in this tribute to these beloved illustrious men. She also thanked Miss Osbourn and Mrs. Grace Hite for their co-operation and assistance and the Children of the Confederacy Chapter, for their part on the program.

"America" was sung by the school, Miss Virginia Speiden at the piano. Miss Lucy Gibson read extracts from Dr. Freeman's "Life of Lee," at the close of which "How Firm a Foundation" was sung. Other features on the program were a poem, "The Sword of Lee," read by Miss Elizabeth Davies; reading, "Lee's Character," by Sinclair Boatwright; solo, "Rest Under the Trees," by Mrs. Hatcher; reading, "Our Own Beloved Jackson," by Nancy Leachman; Lanier's poem, "Song of the Chattahoochee," by Miss Esther Akers; benediction, Rev. Stuart Gibson.

HUFF APPOINTED AS SUPERVISOR

Will Fill out Term of D. E. Earhart.

On Tuesday Judge Walter T. McCarthy, after being petitioned by voters in Brentsville district, appointed Lester Willard Huff, twenty-nine-year-old dairy farmer of Nokesville to serve out the unexpired term of D. E. Earhart who resigned Friday to accept appointment as postmaster at Nokesville.

Mr. Huff qualified at once and today sat for the first time as a member of the Board. Although he has never held public office before, the keen attention which he paid to his duties at the Board session and the quickness with which he was able to assume these functions, have entirely justified his appointment.

Except for a few years which he spent as a boy in Orange County, Mr. Huff, who was born near Bristol, has been a life-long resident of the county. In December, 1933, he married Miss Kate May, daughter of Phoenix May, and member of a family long identified with the history of this section.

Incidentally, Mr. Huff is one of the youngest, if not the youngest, men ever to take office as a supervisor of Prince William County.

The Journal extends to the new supervisor congratulations and wishes him well in his official career.

PROJECT LEADERS WILL DISCUSS TOPIC

Leaders for the House Furnishings project will meet on Thursday, February 14, to make plans for work with their respective groups during the months of March and April. The meeting will be held in the Assembly Room, Post Office building, beginning at 10 o'clock.

Topics for consideration at this meeting are Table Linens, and Aids to Meal Service. The larger part of the day's work will be given to construction of articles which may be used in the community study groups.

The following women who have been chosen by their groups as leaders for the Living-Dining-Room unit of the house furnishings project will represent their respective groups at this meeting:

Mrs. A. Armstrong, Mrs. E. E. Hale, Nokesville; Mrs. Mabel Schwab, Mrs. Dewey Schaeffer, Bethel; Mrs. Robert Mooney, Mrs. R. F. Persons, Dumfries; Mrs. John Ellis, Mrs. Raymond Ellis, Greenwich; Mrs. Amos Corder, Miss Frances Hummer, Aden; Mrs. Robert George; Mrs. Walter Gardner, Hickory Grove. Haymarket leaders have not yet been chosen.

Four Counties of Northern Virginia Consolidated for Relief Work.

From Richmond comes the announcement that a District Office of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration will be established at Manassas to consolidate the previous County FERA Offices of Prince William, Fauquier, Fairfax and Loudoun Counties and Alexandria City.

Mrs. Ruth Thompson of Fauquier County is to be placed in charge of the new Regional Office which, it is believed, will employ about ten to a dozen workers who will be selected from those now at work in the various county FERA offices.

Instead of furnishing supplies from one or two depots, the new plan will include the maintenance of a supply depot at each of these regional offices.

Under the plan now being put into effect to harmonize with the President's requirements, it is believed that all those who are physically able to work will have an opportunity to do so.

In many instances the present county relief work will be in charge of the county subdivision of the new regional office at Manassas.

Statistics released from the State FERA headquarters for the month of December for the areas now consolidated with headquarters at Manassas are as follows:

Prince William—Active cases, 117; total work and direct relief given, \$947; average relief per acre, \$8.10; total of all expenditures, \$2,248; per cent of administrative cost, \$20.76.

Fairfax—Active cases, 100; total work and direct relief given, \$1,188; average relief per case, \$11.88; total of all expenses, \$2,962; per cent of administrative cost, \$25.07.

Fauquier—Active cases, 248; total work and direct relief given, \$3,077; average relief per case, \$12.41; total of all expenses, \$4,445; per cent of administrative costs, \$8.59.

Loudoun—Active cases, 90; total work and direct relief, \$1,447; average relief per case, \$16.09; total expenses, \$2,480; per cent of administrative cost, \$24.89.

Alexandria City—Active cases 306; total work and direct relief, \$3,984; average relief per case, \$13.02; total expenses, \$6,426; per cent of administrative costs, \$11.90.

CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS

P. L. Trenis, J. R. Jones and T. B. Flickinger, trustees, Modern Woodmen of America, authorized to sell lot and building at Nokesville to J. W. Newland.

In the matter of Alonzo and Joseph Grayson, Aaron Butler and Lewis Johnson who were captured according to account in last week's Journal, both were given two years in the penitentiary. Aaron Butler and Lewis Johnson apprehended at the same time plead "not guilty" and will be tried on February 19.

Edwin Segar will be tried February 20 for assault on Lincoln Williams.

James Bridget will be tried Feb. 20 for shooting Thomas Stokes.

The following cases were dismissed: Commonwealth vs Deimar Bates; John Gorman vs Ben Pefferman; the National Bank of Manassas vs W. R. Myers; Anna Burr vs Randolph Doyle.

Criminal jury for February term: John M. Kline, M. B. Leach, P. C. Wigglesworth, C. C. Fisher, C. S. Pierce, H. Ewing Wall, W. S. Brawner, George H. Michael, Norvel Larkin, sr., W. P. Wilson, S. H. Seelman, James E. Nelson, E. M. Rood, J. T. Young, J. A. Amphlett, E. E. Blough, R. C. Linton, W. Holmes Robertson, L. L. Lynn, E. M. Briggs, N. S. Lambert, Carroll W. Crouch, T. N. Berryman, W. A. Kidwell, C. F. Sinclair, L. E. Beschley, Elmer Hurst, R. E. Bryant, W. O. Bushey W. M. Arnold.

Cases set for next week: Monday, Olaf Pearson (murder); Tuesday, Willie Corbin and Sherman Dowell; Wednesday, Mrs. Giavino; Thursday, H. A. Murray and Harold McInteer; Friday, Elmer Neff and Frances Ellis against United Fidelity and Guaranty Company.

HIGH SCHOOL BAZAAR

The Manassas High School Student Cooperative League will hold a community bazaar at the high school on February 22. Watch for particulars in next week's issue.